

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
) CASE NO. MJ 16-204
Plaintiff,)
)
v.)
) DETENTION ORDER
HAI VAN NGUYEN,)
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Defendant.)
_____)

Offense charged: Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud; Mail Fraud; Wire Fraud

Date of Detention Hearing: May 10, 2016.

The Court, having conducted a detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and based upon the factual findings and statement of reasons for detention hereafter set forth, finds that no condition or combination of conditions which defendant can meet will reasonably assure the appearance of defendant as required and the safety of other persons and the community.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

1. Defendant is charged with the above-listed offenses in the District of

01 Connecticut. He has waived an identity hearing in this District and an Order of Transfer has
02 been signed.

03 2. Defendant is a lawful permanent resident and a citizen of Vietnam. The alleged
04 offense conduct involves an immigrant visa fraud scheme targeting members of the Vietnamese
05 community in the United States. Defendant has made numerous trips to Vietnam since 2011,
06 some for multiple months. The AUSA alleges that defendant has no legitimate employment or
07 other legitimate source of income, and gambles on multiple days per week. The government
08 contends that defendant spent over \$4,000,000 in casino gambling in the last several years.

09 3. The AUSA contends that defendant has been difficult to track by virtue of using
10 a multitude of addresses, frequently changing residences, and using false addresses on financial
11 accounts. The AUSA proffers that other jurisdictions may be investigating similar charges.

12 4. The defendant has no ties to the charging district.

13 5. There does not appear to be any condition or combination of conditions that will
14 reasonably assure the defendant's appearance at future Court hearings while addressing the
15 danger to other persons or the community. However, the charging district may wish to
16 readdress the issue of detention when defendant makes his first appearance in that court.

17 It is therefore ORDERED:

- 18 1. Defendant shall be detained pending trial and committed to the custody of the Attorney
19 General for confinement in a correction facility separate, to the extent practicable, from
20 persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal;
- 21 2. Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with
22 counsel;

01 3. On order of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the
02 person in charge of the corrections facility in which defendant is confined shall deliver
03 the defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection
04 with a court proceeding; and

05 4. The Clerk shall direct copies of this Order to counsel for the United States, to counsel
06 for the defendant, to the United States Marshal, and to the United State Pretrial Services
07 Officer.

08 DATED this 10th day of May, 2016.

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12 United States Magistrate Judge
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